Tourism. The Pakistan side also agreed to a modest liberalization of the Civil Aviation Agreement.

The operationalisation of the Amritsar-Lahore bus service and talks for finalising the Amritsar-Nankana Sahib bus service were postponed due to the earthquake on October 8. The trial runs of the former are scheduled for December 11 and 13, 2005. Talks for finalizing the Amritsar-Nankana Sahib bus service will be held on 20-21 December 2005. Work on the Poonch-Rawalakot bus service and for the plying of trucks on the Srinagar-Muzaffarabad route has been affected by the earthquake. Talks will be held after an assessment of the time likely to be taken to repair the infrastructure on both sides.

Revival of SSIs

*131. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are planning to prepare an action plan for reviving small scale units by 2006;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) in what manner, it would help the small units by increasing the exports?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) and (b) The Central Government has taken various measures to facilitate timely identification and rehabilitation of potentially viable sick Small Scale Industries. For this purpose, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) had issued detailed guidelines to banks in January 2002 on detection of sickness at an early stage and taking remedial measures, and for rehabilitation of sick SSI units identified as potentially viable. These guidelines include, *inter alia*, change in the definition of sick SSI units, norms for deciding their viability, concessional finance, etc., with a view to helping the banks in detecting sickness at an early stage and taking corrective action for revival of the potentially viable sick SSI units. As announced by the Central Government in the 'Policy Package for Stepping up Credit to Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs)' on 10th August 2005, the RBI has issued detailed guidelines on 8th September 2005 relating to debt restructuring mechanism to facilitate restructuring of debt of all eligible SMEs (including SSIs). These guidelines include, *inter alia,* aviability criteria, prudential norms for restructured accounts, additional finance,

time frame for working out the restructuring package and its implementation, etc. The banks have been advised by the RBI to review the progress in rehabilitation and restructuring of SME accounts on a quarterly basis. State Level Inter-Institutional Committee has been set up in each State under the convenorship of RBI representative to, *inter alia,* monitor the implementation of these guidelines.

(c) In addition to the measures listed in reply to parts (a) and (b), the Central Government implements a number of schemes and programme to assist the Small Scale Industries in exporting their products. While the above-mentioned measures help revival of sick SSI units, the other schemes and programmes for enhancing the competitiveness of the SSI and facilitating export of their products help increasing their exports.

Companies engaged in coal production

†*132. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the responsibility of production of coal in the country lies with Coal India Limited, a Public Sector Undertaking;

(b) if not, the institutions along with Coal India Limited engaged in coal production;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the coal reserve in the country is more than 2 lakh 47 thousand million tonne; and

(d) if so, the percentage of average annual production being done out of these reserves?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL(DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO): (a) Under the Coal Mines (Nationalization) Act, 1973, a Government company can do commercial coal mining. The Coal Mines (Nationalization) Act, 1973 was amended in 1993 to allow captive coal mining in power generation, Iron and Steel production, Cement production and such other end uses as may be notified by the Central Government from time to time.

(b) During the year 2004-05, the following institutions were engaged in coal production along with Coal India Limited and its subsidiaries:—

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